

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name: that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought in the application entitled:

DEVICE FOR TREATING A CONTAINER WITH MICROWAVE PLASMA

which application is:

☐ the attached application

(for original application)

☒ Application No. PCT/FR00/00916

(Confirmation No. To be assigned) filed April 11, 2000 , and amended on

(for declaration not accompanying application)

that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware and which is material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, that I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s), or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Application Number | Country | Filing Date | Priority Claimed | |
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 United States Code §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in a listed prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge my duty to disclose any information material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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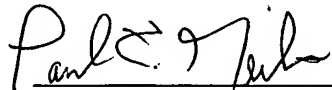
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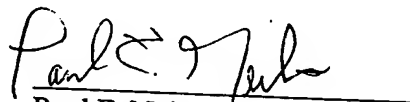
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Assignment

Whereas, I, Patrick CHOLLET of Le Havre Cedex, France, hereinafter called assignor, have invented certain improvements in DEVICE FOR TREATING A CONTAINER WITH MICROWAVE PLASMA and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on December 7, 2001; and

Whereas, SIDEL, Avenue de la Patrouille de France, Octeville sur Mer, Boîte postale 204, F-76053 Le Havre Cedex, FRANCE (assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

I, the above named assignor, hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and I request the Commissioner for Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the assignee in connection with the United States application when called upon to do so by the assignee.

I hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK & SEAS, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number 09/959,393 and Confirmation number Unknown, filed October 24, 2001) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

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s/Patrick CHOLLET

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